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THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

At the invitation of Dr. Charles C. Harrison, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, the MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA held its fifteenth annual meeting at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., December 27, 28, 29, 1897.

All the sessions of the meeting were held in Houston Hall.

FIRST SESSION, DECEMBER 27.

The first session of the meeting was begun at 2 o'clock p. m. The President of the Association, Professor Albert S. Cook, of Yale University, presided.

The Secretary of the Association, James W. Bright, submitted the following report, which was approved :

The Secretary reports the publication and distribution, during the closing year, of the twelfth volume of the *Publications* of the Association. The fourth instalment of this volume contains the Proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Association, which was held at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and the Proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Central Division of the Association, which was held at Washington University, Saint Louis, Mo.

As a joint-editor of the Whitney Memorial Volume, the Secretary also reports the completion of that volume, which has been distributed as a joint-publication of the American Oriental Society, the American Philological Association, and the Modern Language Association of America.

The Treasurer of the Association, Herbert E. Greene, submitted the following report :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 26, 1896,						\$ 881 48
Annual Dues from Members, and receipts from Subscribing Libraries:						
For the year 1893,				\$	3 00	
" " " 1894,					15 00	
" " " 1895,					45 00	
" " " 1896,					109 80	
" " " 1897,					1,282 55	
" " " 1898,					71 25	
						\$1,526 60
Sale of <i>Publications</i> ,						155 84
For partial cost of publication of articles and for reprints of the same:						
F. J. Mather,					125 00	
F. H. Wilkens,					10 00	
R. E. Neil Dodge,					15 00	
F. A. Blackburn,					3 50	
Homer Smith,					76 90	
B. D. Woodward,					3 50	
						\$ 233 90
Advertisements,					200 00	
Interest,					11 28	
						\$ 211 28
Total receipts for the year,						<u>\$3,009 10</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Publication of Vol. XII, 1, and Reprints	\$ 503 42	
" " " " 2, " "	319 97	
" " " " 3, " "	376 85	
" " " " 4, " "	212 03	
		\$1,412 27
The Whitney Memorial Volume:		
Share ($\frac{1}{2}$) of cost of printing,	100 31	
Binding,	51 77	
Shipping,	55 60	
		\$ 207 68
Supplies for the Secretary: stationery, postage, mailing <i>Publications</i> , etc.,	98 31	
Supplies for the Treasurer: stationery, postage, etc.,	22 55	
The Secretary,	200 00	
Job printing,	31 10	
Expenses of the Committee of Twelve,	74 35	

The Central Division,	42 00	
Services of R. R. Agent, two days,	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 485 31
Total expenditures for the year,		\$2,105 26
Balance on hand December 24, 1897,		903 84
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The President appointed the following Committees :

- (1) To audit the Treasurer's accounts: Professor C. H. Grandgent and Dr. C. G. Child.
- (2) To nominate officers: Professors Felix E. Schelling, G. A. Hench, Bliss Perry, J. M. Garnett, and L. E. Menger.
- (3) To recommend place for the next Annual Meeting: Professors J. B. Henneman, W. T. Hewett, H. A. Todd, B. L. Bowen, F. N. Scott.

The reading of papers was then begun.

1. "The new requirements in entrance English." By Professor T. W. Hunt, of Princeton University. [Printed in *Mod. Lang. Notes*, May, 1898.]

This paper was discussed by Professors F. N. Scott, Albert S. Cook, and E. H. Magill.

2. "The close of Goethe's *Tasso*, as a literary problem." By Professor Henry Wood, of the Johns Hopkins University. [An abstract of this paper is given in *Mod. Lang. Notes*, March, 1898, p. 65.]

Professor Calvin Thomas offered comments on the subject of the paper.

3. "The phraseology of Molière's *Précieuses ridicules*." By Dr. Thérèse F. Colin, of Bryn Mawr, Pa. [Read by title.]